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Minutes of the Commission on Aging Monthly Meeting
January 4, 2017

Attendees: Doris Armstrong, Barbara Bloom, Al LeFebvre, Lucille Morisse, Toby Neuwirth, Susan Odoms, Paul Pelletier, Jeannette Rivers, Shirley Thompson, Gus Walek, Paula Walek

Guests: Yvette Huyghue-Pannell (Senior Services Liaison), Leon Rivers (Town Council Liaison)

Absent: Charlotte Gregg, Janet Lamenzo

The meeting was called to order at 12:06 pm.

Commission member contact information is tabled until all members have had the opportunity to confirm the accuracy of their information.

Leon discussed the diversity in the Town of Bloomfield staffing and employment practices, and the public works training “cadet.” He remarked about the continued high volume of building permit activity. He also spoke briefly of the MDC concerns.

Yvette advised that Senior Services staff will participate in CPR training this evening. A new mini-bus backup driver was hired and began working last month. A “Town Hall Meeting” with Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin will take place in the auditorium in the Human Services Building, 330 Park Avenue, at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, January 25. Students from the University of Hartford Master of Science program will present a seminar “Think FAST: What You Need to Know About Strokes,” at 11:15 am on Tuesday, January 31. Karen DeMeola, assistant dean at the UCONN School of Law, will be the guest speaker at an LGBT Moveable Senior Center Black History Month program at 5:30 pm on February 23. Topic is “Hidden in the Shadows: Black LGBTQ Leaders in History.”

The AARP Tax Aide training program is currently in progress. Income tax preparation will begin on February 1.

A Community Awareness Task Force will begin in the Spring; Camilla Jones is the liaison. This will be the first group to make a presentation to the upcoming Citizens’ Academy.

Paul Pelletier mentioned an accident that took place in Torrington last year. A woman riding in a “senior” bus for a doctor’s appointment died from injuries sustained from falling out of her seat when the bus driver “slammed on the brakes.” He asked about seatbelt rules on the mini-buses. Yvette will follow up with Town Manager Phil Schenck after the meeting today and report back to the Commission at the next meeting.

Paula made a motion to accept the December minutes; Shirley seconded. The minutes are approved.

Paula made a motion to adjourn. Jeannette seconded. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:55 pm.

The next meeting will take place at the Senior Center at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, February 1, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

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